

Training Operations in Small Departments (TOSD)

National Fire Academy / Michigan Fire Fighter Training Division Course

Per the National Fire Academy (abbreviated): This two-day course is designed to provide students with some basic tools and skills to coordinate training in a fire/EMS organization. The course is more typically aimed for organizations in a small fire/EMS department whose community may be small and whose department may be volunteer or combination. A training function in a smaller department typically includes conducting training drills and coordinating training with nearby larger city or state training function.

Some of the topics include: leadership issues in fire service training, legal issues, safety considerations, justifying training internally, conflict resolution techniques, selecting curriculum, and evaluating training.

UPCOMING CLASS: FEBRUARY 17-18, 2024
8A-5P (Both Days)

Suttons Bay Fire Department
201 S. St. Mary's Avenue, Suttons Bay, MI 49682

Registration Instructions: Register in the SMOKE system; the class is limited to 25 participants.

NFA/FEMA Certificates have been requested as well! Students will need their FEMA SID number for online entry of a NFA 75-a Form to obtain the certificate upon successfully passing the NFA Exam. Students will also need to bring an electronic device to register with the NFA.

This class also qualifies for Bureau of Fire Services "Continuing Education" credit!

Presented by: Brian Blomstrom, Director of Public Safety

Director Brian Blomstrom has been the Senior Training Officer with the City of Greenville Department of Public Safety since 2002. Additionally, he was awarded the Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association Regional Instructor of the Year award in 2007, a member of the Part 74 Revision Committee in 2013, and has achieved both the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Training Officer Designation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence. In 2015, Brian was able to provide documentation resulting in the reduction of the City of Greenville's ISO rating from a 5 to a 4. Brian has also been successful with AFG Grant applications, helping his department obtain new SCBAs (2 times in 20 years), a cascade system, two sets of extrication tools, and establishing a Knox Box program in the community. Besides being employed with the City of Greenville, Brian is the Executive Vice-President of the Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association, instructs at Montcalm Community College, is the Deputy Emergency Manager for Montcalm County, and is a previous Program Coordinator for the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Training Center.

